

The Virginia Indigent Defense Commission  
Executive Committee Meeting  
1604 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 109  
January 18, 2011

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order at 11:05 am by John Douglass. Other Commission members in attendance were Kent Smith, Steve Benjamin, and David Lett. Administrative staff included Deputy Director, DJ Geiger and Administrative Assistant, Diane Pearson.

Quorum requirements have been met.

The first item on the agenda is to approve the minutes from the previous Executive Committee meeting.

Mr. Benjamin moved to approve the September 23, 2010 minutes. Mr. Lett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The second item on the agenda is the proposed legislation, amending §19.2-321.1 and §19.2-321.2 of the Code of Virginia. Based on the status of the case pending in the Virginia Supreme Court, it is recommended that the Commission does seek the proposed change to the statute. The full Commission authorized the Executive Committee to act on this matter.

Ms. Geiger reported that her concern is that she has made nine requests to patrons. There is one patron who likes the bill but may or may not have a slot left. Two members declined to carry it, one did not respond, and the other five had reached their capacity for House bills. The House is limited to fifteen bills this year.

One of the Delegates recommended that we have someone either on the House Criminal Law Subcommittee or a Republican.

If the current proposed patron is unable to carry the bill Ms. Geiger will go to the House Criminal Law subcommittee first. One patron did say that if all else fails, he will reconsider.

Hopefully we will have a patron by the end of the day today. The deadline for introduction is Friday at 5:00 pm.

Mr. Benjamin made a motion to continue the search for a patron and that we file the legislation. Mr. Lett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was no further business.

Mr. Benjamin moved to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved By:

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Diane Z. Pearson, Administrative Assistant

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DJ Geiger, Deputy Executive Director